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PASSING OF RADM ROBERT WAYNE KOCH, DC, USN, RETIRED

14 September 1934 - 28 October 2012

Rear Admiral Robert W. Koch, USN, died October 28, 2012 after an extended battle with Parkinson's disease. Born September 14, 1934 in St. Louis, Missouri, he was the youngest of three children born to Walter M. Koch and Elma Burns Koch. RADM Koch attended Webster Groves High School, Westminster College and Washington University in Missouri. He earned his DMD from Washington University and completed a residency in Periodontics at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda, Maryland. He also earned a M. Ed. from George Washington University. He served in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps until his retirement in 1990. His Naval assignments included: USS CADMUS, Naval Hospital Great Lakes, Little Creek, VA, and aboard the USS WRIGHT, Command Ship for the President. He practiced as a periodontist at the Naval Dental Clinic, Washington, D.C. and the Naval Postgraduate Dental School



Bethesda where he later served as Chairman and Program Director of the Graduate Training Program in Periodontics. He was assigned to the Professional Branch, Dental Division, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and later took command of the Naval Regional Dental Center, Charleston, SC. Following his selection to Flag officer he served at the Pentagon, Naval Dental Clinic Norfolk and at the Naval Medical Command, Washington, DC. RADM Koch was also active in the American Dental Association and served as the President of the American Academy of Periodontology. After his retirement he was the assistant Dean of the Dental school at the University of Pittsburgh and later worked in private practice.

His first wife, Sylvia Wright Koch, died in 2004. He is survived by his daughter Beth Koch Rechsteiner of Tampa, FL, and his sons Robert Wayne Koch Jr. of Moneta, VA and David Bruce Koch of Bellevue, Washington, and 8 grandchildren. He also leaves behind his second wife, Margaret Koch and their daughter, Sarah from Brooksville, Florida.

There will be a service at the Memorial Chapel, Ft. Myer on Monday March 11th at 1 pm with burial following at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested a donation be made to HPH Hospice, 12107 Majestic Blvd, Hudson, FL 34667, <http://www.hph-hospice.org/donations-special-gifts>.

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